

Faulkner's words could have just as well have been uttered last year, with the addition of several decades. The people of Haiti deserve hope. They need to know that the world shares their aspiration to be a full member of the community of nations. They have waited a long time. They have waited long enough.

I believe it is important that all of us—this country, other countries of the world—put President Aristide on notice that to flirt with the idea of clinging to power in violation of his country's Constitution would be to risk a huge step backward for the Haitian people. It is long past time to break the cycle of oppression in Haiti. The routine, orderly departure from office of President Aristide will be a major step in that direction.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRASSLEY). The clerk will call the roll. The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRIBUTE TO REV. RICHARD C. HALVERSON

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to a great friend to the Senate. The former Chaplain of the Senate, Rev. Richard C. Halverson passed away last week. For 14 years he tended to the spiritual needs of this body and all the people who make it work.

Educated at Wheaton College and Princeton Theological Seminary, Reverend Halverson worked in several places including California, his last place of ministry prior to moving to Washington. As the 60th Chaplain of the Senate most of our Nation knew Reverend Halverson from the prayer he delivered every morning. His respectful and quiet manner was a example to us all for how to conduct ourselves and treat others with dignity. I remember with fondness the mornings when I sat as the acting President of this chamber, and listened to Reverend Halverson speak, urge and console not only the Members of this body but everybody listening throughout the Nation.

Besides his duties as Chaplain of the Senate Reverend Halverson also was a minister to the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD, and an author of several books. He took a lifetime interest in trying speak to the improvement of the moral being of individuals, and the moral health of our Nation. I will miss Reverend Halverson, our country will miss Reverend Halverson, and this body will miss Reverend Halverson, but we are all better because of his life. I hope the example of his life will continue to set a standard for us all.

I know that Reverend Halverson's wife Doris and all the members of his

family know better than all of us what an exceptional and spiritual man he was. I want to express my sympathy to them with this loss.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR. RICHARD C. HALVERSON

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition to honor the memory of our long-time Senate Chaplain and spiritual leader, Dr. Richard Halverson, who passed away November 28. Dr. Halverson served as Chaplain for 14 years, joining the Senate in 1981 shortly after I, too, entered the Senate. He retired this past March after distinguished service to this body and to the Nation.

As Senate Chaplain, Dr. Halverson played many roles. His prayers would open each daily session of the Senate, often reminding Senators of the higher objectives of our work. When passions ran high over controversial legislation, Dr. Halverson's opening prayers would give Senators pause for reflection and helped maintain the Senate's tradition of reasoned, respectful debate.

I came to know Dr. Halverson well through his attendance at our Bible study sessions, where he came to learn and share his thoughts on the Old Testament. He was a gracious, valued participant and we benefited from his spiritual insight.

As many know, Dr. Halverson established himself as a Chaplain who never tired of selfless service. He was always available to spend time with someone who needed his time, either for spiritual guidance or counsel. His energies were not just directed at Senators, but at their spouses and staffs, and hundreds of Senate employees. In this role, he played a vital role in keeping the fabric of the U.S. Senate together.

The Senate was a better place for having had the compassionate service of Dr. Halverson as its Chaplain for 14 years, and the Nation owes him its gratitude for the role he played in our midst.

My wife, Joan, and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Halverson's wife, Doris, and his many children and grandchildren. We will all miss his faithful, caring presence.

#### THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as of the close of business Friday, December 1, the Federal debt stood at \$4,989,268,168,883.55. We are still about \$11 billion away from the \$5 trillion mark. Unfortunately, we anticipate hitting this mark sometime later this year or early next year.

On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,939.35 as his or her share of that debt.

#### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY LEGISLATION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate passed two im-

portant bills impacting the charitable community—H.R. 2525 and H.R. 2519. Enactment of these bills was urgently needed to put a stop to unwarranted litigation and ensure that charities can continue to accept gift annuities from generous donors across the country. For these reasons it was important for me to clear the way to immediate passage of the bills.

Charities are critical to the Nation and to communities across the country. And charitable gift annuities are an important method for them to raise much-needed funds. This legislation will allow universities, hospitals, and other important local and national charities to continue their significant contributions to communities and the needy.

I commend my colleagues in the House and Senate for working quickly to craft this legislation. Almost 2,000 charities across the country have been defendants in unnecessary and unwarranted litigation. This congressional act will end the litigation, freeing charities to continue their important work.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Before the Senator starts, the Chair will announce morning business is closed.

#### PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1833, which the clerk will now report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 1833) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah is now recognized.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 1833, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995.

I understand that many people on both sides of this issue have very strongly held beliefs. I respect those whose views differ from my own. And, I condemn the use of violence or any other illegal method to express any point of view on this issue.

This bill, however, presents a very narrow issue: whether one rogue abortion procedure that has probably been performed only by a handful of abortion doctors in this country, that is never medically necessary, that is not the safest medical procedure available under any circumstances, and that is morally reprehensible, should be banned.

This bill does not address whether all abortions after a certain week of pregnancy should be banned, or whether late-term abortions should only be permitted in certain circumstances. It bans one particular abortion procedure.